Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 917-061790-1335-145	Date: 03/20/17	Time: 1701	
Location: [redacted] Beach Street	City or Station: Bellflower		
Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division / Lakewood	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: Control Holds / Personal Weapons / Resistive Handcuffing / O.C. Spray			
Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3	Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO	Suspect Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO	
☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit		
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Grall	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out: ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]					Rank: DSG
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: W	Height: 508	Weight: 175	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Lakewood Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 132D					
Individual Force Used: Control Holds	◌ Directed ◌ Rescue ◌ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: N/A	Coroner Case #:				

E 2

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]					Rank: DSG
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: W	Height: 6'00	Weight: 195	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Lakewood Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 133D					
Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons / Control Holds / Resistive Handcuffing	◌ Directed ◌ Rescue ◌ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: N/A	Coroner Case #:				

E 3

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]					Rank: DSG
Sex: ◉ M ○ F	Race: W	Height: 6'01	Weight: 195	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Lakewood Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 132A					
Individual Force Used: Control Holds	◌ Directed ◌ Rescue ◌ Medical Assist	Individual Category: ◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: N/A	Coroner Case #:				

On Duty Supervisor ☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Morrow	Travis		SGT.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Ortega	Henry	M	SGT.	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Powers	James	C.	LT.

Lt. J. Powers (signature) — 3/3/17

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** Date Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Song	Joshua	D.	DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
(●) M ( ) F	A	5'11"	200	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lakewood Station	135B

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Personal Weapons	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 ( ) 2 (●) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: N/A

Coroner Case #

E 5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			DSG

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
(●) M ( ) F	B	5'11"	215	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lakewood	132

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
Control Hold	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: N/A

Coroner Case #

E 6

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	[redacted]			B-1

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
(●) M ( ) F	H	511	195	[redacted]	( ) EM ( ) Day (●) PM	(●) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
Lakewood Station	133F1

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
O.C. Spray	(●) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	(●) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex	Race	Height	Weight	Age	Shift	
( ) M ( ) F					( ) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular Shift ( ) OT Shift ( ) Off Duty

Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)

Individual Force Used		Individual Category
	( ) Directed ( ) Rescue ( ) Medical Assist	( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:

Coroner Case #

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Morrow	Travis	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Lakewood	130S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Meza	Jorge	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Lakewood	131S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular ◉ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Schorr	James	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Lakewood	133F1	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Welch | First Name: Zetty | Middle Name: Jerome | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: B | Age: 40 | Height: 5'06" | Weight: 155 | D.O.B: 01/05/77 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W (●) C [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4938990 | Primary Charge Code: 69 P.C. | Secondary Charge Code: 3056 P.C. | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: LA County Fire | Unit: Station #23 | Phone #: 562-867-2112

Hospital Admission? [X] | Rec'd Treatment At: Kaiser Permamente | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Ta, Liem Phuc | Address: 9333 Imperial Highway, Downey Ca. | Phone #: 800 823 4040

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 03/21/17 | Time: 0120 | [ ] Audiotape: | [X] Videotape: | [X] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S __

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S __

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E2	UC	NN	
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E2	PK	NN	FA
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E5	PK	NN	FA
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E3	PH	NN	
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E3	RS	NN	HA
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E5	PH	NN	
Welch	S1	[redacted]	E6	UC	NN	
[redacted]	E1	Welch	S1	CT	NN	FE
[redacted]	E2	Welch	S1	PH	BR	BK
[redacted]	E2	Welch	S1	PH	BR	FA
[redacted]	E2	Welch	S1	CT	NN	AR
[redacted]	E2	Welch	S1	RH	NN	HD
Song	E4	Welch	S1	PH	FR	FA
[redacted]	E3	Welch	S1	CT	NN	HI
[redacted]	E3	Welch	S1	CT	NN	BK
[redacted]	E3	Welch	S1	RH	NN	HD
[redacted]	E5	Welch	S1	CT	NN	BK
[redacted]	E6	Welch	S1	OC	NN	FA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Use of Force**

IAB FILE NUMBERS: **FO 2423723**

DIVISION / UNIT: **South Patrol Division/ Lakewood Station**

DATE / TIME: **Monday, March 20, 2017 at 1701 Hours**

LOCATION: [redacted] **Beach Street, Bellflower Ca. 90706**

SUSPECT: **Zetty Jerome Welch III, MB/40, DOB: 01/05/77, Booking #4938990**

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:
Deputy Joshua Song #[redacted]
Deputy [redacted]
Deputy [redacted]
Deputy [redacted]
Deputy [redacted]
Deputy [redacted]
Sergeant Jorge Meza #[redacted]

<u>SYNPOSIS</u>

On March 20, 2017, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigator arrived at Lakewood Station in response to a Category III use of force. Suspect Zetty Welch sustained a broken jaw during an altercation with deputy personnel assigned to Lakewood Station following a stolen vehicle investigation. IAB Sergeants Mark Lopez, Jeff Hamil and Lieutenant Dave Grall responded to Lakewood Station, interviewed Suspect Welch, photographed his injuries, and received a waiver for his medical records. Those records revealed Suspect Welch had a fracture on his jaw (right mandible) and a possible avulsion fracture on the proximal navicular bone, of his left foot. The incident was documented under URN 917-06179-1335-145. Refer to **[Exhibit A]**.

CASE SUMMARY:

On March 20, 2017, Deputy Kevin Fujiwara was patrolling in Bellflower when he saw a 2005 gray Acura RL parked along Beach Street, west of Bellflower Boulevard. The

vehicle, occupied by a lone male African American, had no license plates affixed to the vehicle. Deputy Fujiwara stopped to investigate and approached the driver, later identified as Suspect Zetty Welch. Suspect Welch voluntarily, albeit suddenly, stepped out of the car just as Deputy Fujiwara arrived to his position. Deputy Fujiwara conducted a patdown search for weapons, then escorted Suspect Welch to his patrol car. Just as Deputy Fujiwara readied himself to open the back door, Suspect Welch broke free from his grasp and ran eastbound Beach Street to northbound Bellflower Boulevard.

> **IAB Note: Deputy Fujiwara said Suspect Welch exited his vehicle in a sudden manner, which raised the deputy's suspicion that criminal activity was afoot. Refer to Deputy Fujiwara's crime report, SH-R-49, [Exhibit A] page 4.**

Deputy Fujiwara immediately broadcasted emergency radio traffic stating a stolen vehicle suspect had run from him. He provided a description of the suspect's clothing—gray sweater and black sweatpants—and gave details of his last seen direction. Refer to compact disc containing a voice-print of the radio traffic, **[Exhibit B].**

> **IAB Note: Deputy Fujiwara would later query the Vehicle Identification Number after the use of force incident and learn the vehicle was not stolen.**

Lakewood Station personnel, meanwhile, heard the emergency radio traffic and began responding to the area. Unit 133D, Deputy [redacted] and unit 132D, Deputy [redacted] arrived and took a position on Park Street just east of Bellflower Boulevard. There, an unknown civilian pointed to an apartment building located at 9820 Park Street, indicating the suspect had run down the driveway. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] joined by unit 132, Deputy [redacted] began to methodically clear the driveway. When they reached the end, the deputies walked to the east end of the premises. A cinderblock wall partitioned them from a large parking lot to the east, which bore an address of [redacted] Beach Street. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] looking over the wall, saw a pickup truck parked a few yards from their position. They looked beneath the vehicle and saw Suspect Welch in a fetal-like position with his head down. Next to him was a dark article of clothing.

Deputy [redacted] used his radio to relay his observations and began giving the suspect commands, instructing him to come out. The suspect feigned compliance as he stood with his hands up. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] then climbed over the wall while Deputy [redacted] provided cover. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] began to approach, and as they closed the distance, the suspect suddenly took off. He jumped onto the cinderblock wall just a few feet northeast of his position. He was about halfway over, when another deputy intervened.

Unit 132D, Deputy [redacted] having walked into the parking lot from Beach Street undetected, saw the events unfolding. He had been closing the distance when the suspect took off and jumped onto the wall. Deputy [redacted] reacted and initially grabbed the suspect around the waist and held on to him just before he went over.

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] was not in a cross-fire, as he approached the suspect from the side.**

Suspect Welch teetered as he attempted to shake off Deputy [redacted] whose grip was diminishing. Deputy [redacted] now held Suspect Welch by the foot. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] ran to the aid of Deputy [redacted] Suspect Welch, meanwhile, tried to thwart the deputies by conducting several back-kicks with his legs. In response to the leg kicks, Deputy [redacted] delivered approximately two to three hammer punches to Suspect Welch's left upper back by the rib cage with his right hand. The punches appeared to loosen Suspect Welch's firm grip on the wall. Deputy [redacted] along with Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were able to pull him down. As he came down he was guided down to his back, but instantly scrambled to his hands and knees in attempt to stand. He was having success, and feverishly began throwing elbows, almost striking Deputy [redacted] in the face.

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] said Suspect Welch fought as if he was going to do whatever he could to get away. "It felt as if he were overcoming us." Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcribed IAB interview, page 15.**

Deputy [redacted] responded to the elbows and delivered two right handed (fists) blows to the left side of Suspect Welch's face, on the cheek. The first blow appeared to be more glancing, whereas the second blow had an impact and stopped the suspect from fighting, for the moment.

Unit 135B, Deputy Song, having responded to the location, drove his car into the parking lot and saw the fight. Suspect Welch was throwing elbows in a violent manner toward deputy personnel. Deputy Song ran up to the fight and gave Suspect Welch commands to stop fighting. He failed to comply, stating, "Fuck you; fuck the police." Refer to Deputy Song's transcribed IAB interview, page 4. Deputy Song quickly weighed his options and saw no viable opportunity to use his Taser, nor his O.C. spray. Deputies were too close and the target was imprecise. Deputy Song saw only one option and that was to use his personal weapons—his hands—to subdue the assailant.

IAB Note: **Deputy Song said Suspect Welch, who was assaultive/ high-risk, appeared to have hit Deputy [redacted] in the face. Refer to Deputy Song's transcribed IAB interview, page 7. Deputy [redacted] later would clarify that he did not recall being struck by the suspect, though it could have happened. Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcribed IAB interview, page 14.**

Deputy Song then delivered one right-handed punch to Suspect Welch's chin, which, by Deputy Song's estimation, glanced off the suspect and had no obvious effect. Deputy Song threw one more punch to the same location. This time the punch landed, but Suspect Welch continued his assaultive/ high-risk behavior, flailing and throwing elbows. Deputies continued giving commands to stop fighting but there was no response. Deputy Song decided to throw another punch and hit Suspect Welch square on the chin. This had an immediate effect and Suspect Welch stopped his assaultive behavior. He immediately covered his face with his right hand and stopped fighting.

From this point the deputies were able to get Suspect Welch onto the ground and apply pressure to his back to keep him down. Deputy [redacted] used his hands and knee to apply pressure, while Deputy [redacted] used his hands and body weight. Suspect Welch still remained resistive, but Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were able to use control holds and handcuff him. The deputies then helped him up and escorted him to the patrol car where they conducted a patdown search for weapons. This was when Sergeant Meza, unit 131S, arrived and began to assess the situation. Deputies ushered Suspect Welch into the back of the patrol car, where he remained hostile, yelling and cursing at deputies.

Suspect Welch then sprawled back in the seat and began kicking the left rear passenger window. Sergeant Meza upon seeing this, ordered unit 133F1, Deputy [redacted] who just arrived on scene, to spray Suspect Welch. Deputy [redacted] opened the right rear passenger door and sprayed him with a burst of Oleoresin Capsicum. The spray had a positive effect and Suspect Welch stopped kicking the door. Sergeant Meza then ordered unit 133F1, Deputy [redacted] to apply a hobble leg restraint to his legs. Suspect Welch cooperated with the application of the hobble and no further force was used. Deputy [redacted] did not use nor witness force as he indicated during his IAB interview.

Deputy Fujiwara responded to [redacted] Beach Street and positively identified Suspect Welch as the person whom he attempted to detain at 9770 Beach Street, Bellflower. After querying the Vehicle Identification Number of the Acura RL, Deputy Fujiwara discovered the vehicle was not stolen. Deputy [redacted] conducted an article search but did not find any illegal contraband.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department was summoned to the location and evaluated Suspect Welch. He was transported to Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Downey where he was treated for his injuries. Refer to the photographs depicting Suspect Welch's injuries, **[Exhibit C]**.

INJURIES: During the altercation Deputy [redacted] sustained a small abrasion on his right thumb and right ring finger. Deputy [redacted] sustained multiple abrasions and scratches on his left elbow, left hand, right forearm and right elbow. Deputy [redacted]

sustained several abrasions on both his arms and felt pain to his left knee and left hand. Refer to the photographs taken by Sergeant Meza, **[Exhibit D].**

INVOLVED PERSONNEL/WORK HISTORY:

JOSHUA SONG

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station - Patrol

Date of Employment:	09/06/2012
Date assigned to LKD:	12/20/2015
Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	

[redacted]

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station - Patrol

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date assigned to LKD:	
Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	

[redacted]

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station - Patrol

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date assigned to LKD:	
Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):	

[redacted]

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station - Patrol

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date assigned to LKD:	

Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

[redacted]

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood Station - Patrol

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date assigned to LKD:
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

[redacted]

Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood - Patrol

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date assigned to LKD:
Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

JORGE MEZA

Sergeant, Employee #[redacted]
South Patrol Division/Lakewood - Patrol

Date of Employment: 02/04/1999
Date assigned to LKD: 10/06/2013
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES:

[redacted] MW/[redacted] DOB: [redacted]

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

WELCH, ZETTY JEROME III MB/40, DOB 01/05/77; 506, 155 LBS., Booking #4938990
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

A check of CCHRS/CII (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index) revealed that Suspect Zetty Welch had [redacted] For further, refer to a copy of Suspect Welch's Booking/Property records and his CCHRS/CII and RAPS printouts, presented in the **Miscellaneous Documents** section of this case book

INJURIES:

Suspect Welch sustained abrasions about the abdomen, shoulders, back, hands and arms. He also sustained bruising on the back shoulders, torso and face. Medical records revealed Suspect Welch had a bone fracture on his right mandible and *possibly* sustained an avulsion fracture to his left foot on the proximal navicular bone. An avulsion fracture is an injury to a bone in a location where a tendon or ligament attaches to the bone, and when either the tendon or ligament pulls off a piece of the bone. The Medical report indicated there was "3mm calcification seen on the lateral view dorsal to the proximal navicular which *may* represent a tiny avulsion fracture." In summary, there was no affirmative determination the foot was actually fractured, and Suspect Welch was given release paperwork stating he had a possible avulsion fracture, as a precaution. Refer to the Kaiser Permanente medical records **[Exhibit E]** page 32, and for the release paperwork, **miscellaneous documents.** During the IAB interview, Suspect Welch said his lower back hurt by the left kidney, as a result of the force. According to medical records **[Exhibit E]** page 24, Suspect Welch's kidneys were normal in size and no renal mass was identified.

Based on the medical report, there was no viable evidence that an avulsion fracture occurred during this incident. Had there been an actual fracture, it would have been difficult to discern the injury to a specific deputy's actions. Deputy [redacted] said he placed a control hold on Suspect Welch's left leg and foot. Suspect Welch recalled a deputy placing a hold on his left foot, however, the injury could have occurred during the fall from the wall or at any other time during the incident.

In regard to the fractured right mandible, this injury was attributed to Deputy Song using personal weapons (hands) on Suspect Welch's jaw (chin). Deputy [redacted] used personal weapons to Suspect Welch's face, however he reportedly struck the suspect on the left side of his face.

The Lakewood Station Watch Commander, Sergeant Paul Jernigan #[redacted] video recorded Suspect Welch while at Kaiser Permanente Hospital on March 20, 2017. IAB

investigators then conducted an interview with Suspect Welch on March 21, 2017, at Lakewood Station and documented his injuries on video. Refer to those videos, listed as **[Exhibit F]** in this casebook.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

No physical evidence was collected from the scene.

INVESTIGATORS' OBSERVATIONS:

The scene was evaluated by Sergeant Henry Ortega on May 21, 2017. The main purpose of this evaluation was to familiarize the investigator with the scene, and to locate potential witnesses. One witness, [redacted] was located and interviewed.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Song used personal weapons during the event, which included the use of his right hand when delivering three strikes to the suspect's face.

Deputy [redacted] used personal weapons during the event, which included the use of his right hand when delivering two hammer style punches to the suspect's left rib cage and two punches to his the left side of his face. Deputy [redacted] used a control hold on the suspect's left arm.

Deputy [redacted] used a control hold to the suspect's right arm, and a control hold placing his hands on the suspect's back, while on the ground.

Deputy [redacted] used both his hands to apply a control hold on the suspect's waist and left leg/foot.

Deputy [redacted] applied a control hold when wrapping his arms around the suspect's waist and during the handcuffing process. He also used his body weight to control the suspect's upper legs and lower back. Deputy [redacted] then used resisted handcuffing techniques to secure the suspect in handcuffs.

Deputy [redacted] Sprayed the suspect's face with a departmentally issued chemical agent, Oleoresin Capsicum.

WEAPONS USED BY THE SUSPECT:

Suspect Welch used personal weapons during the event which included his feet and elbows.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES:

Investigator's Name:	LKD Station Detective James Colbert #[redacted]
Court:	Bellflower Court
Charges Filed:	69 PC (4 counts), 594(a) PC
DA Case Number:	VA144325

On March 22, 2017, Detective Colbert submitted the complaint and the above Felony charges were filed by the District Attorney's Office. For further, refer to Detective Colbert's supplemental report, and the criminal complaint filing located in this casebook and referred to as **[Exhibit A]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Dark, dry and warm temperatures.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS:

DEPUTY JOSHUA SONG #[redacted]

On June 2, 2017, at approximately 1425 hours, Deputy Song was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Jaime Alvarez at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy Song was accompanied by Representative Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorneys at Law. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy Song said he was in briefing when emergency radio traffic was broadcasted over the air regarding a stolen vehicle suspect running in Bellflower. Deputy Song responded to the vicinity of Bellflower Boulevard and Beach Street. When he arrived he saw two deputies in a parking lot located at [redacted] Beach Street. He drove his car into the parking lot and saw Suspect Welch attempting to get over the wall and deputies struggling to detain him. Suspect Welch was throwing elbows while cursing, "Fuck the police." Deputy Song could see Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] trying to control Suspect Welch, while Deputy [redacted] was attempting to control his left arm. Suspect Welch was kicking his leg back at the deputies.

Deputy Song, meanwhile, ran over and ordered him to stop fighting, and to get on the ground. Suspect Welch did not respond to the commands, but stated, "Fuck you, fuck the police." Deputy Song saw Suspect Welch throwing elbows at Deputy [redacted] Deputy Song gave additional commands to stop fighting, but once again the suspect did

not respond. Suspect Welch then threw his elbow at Deputy [redacted] face in a violent manner. Deputy Song was not sure whether or not the elbow connected. Suspect Welch was getting the upper hand and deputies were having difficulty controlling him. He was assaultive high risk. Deputy Song positioned himself in front of the Suspect Welch and threw one right handed punch to his chin in an effort to protect his partners. The punch seemed to glance off his chin, and was ineffective. Suspect Welch was still throwing elbows, so Deputy Song delivered two more punches to Suspect Welch's chin, the last of which was clearly effective. Suspect Welch immediately used his right hand to cover his face then curled his head down. That was when Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] were able to get him to the ground and handcuff him.

Deputy Song said using his personal weapons, at that point, was his best option. He carried a Taser, but due to the close proximity of all the deputies and the active struggle with Suspect Welch, he was sure one of the prongs would end up hitting a deputy. Refer to Deputy Song's transcribed IAB interview, page 9. Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) spray was also available, but not practical to use, for fear the deputies could be incapacitated by the agent due to the unsteady target. Thus, the best option for him was a personal weapon, under the circumstances.

DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]

On June 5, 2017, at approximately 1325 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] was accompanied by Representative Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorneys at Law. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy [redacted] said after responding to the location, he and Deputy [redacted] conducted a search for Suspect Welch. They found him lying face-down under a truck in the parking lot of [redacted] Beach Street. Deputy [redacted] gave him commands, to which the suspect initially complied, then made an approach with Deputy [redacted] Suspect Welch, however, took a couple of steps and suddenly jumped onto the north cinderblock wall. Then, from out of nowhere, Deputy [redacted] appeared and grabbed the suspect before he went over.

Deputy [redacted] ran to help Deputy [redacted] As Deputy [redacted] neared, Suspect Welch began kicking his legs in an attempt to assault the deputies and get away. One kick almost hit Deputy [redacted] face. The situation was fluid and evolving. Deputy [redacted] delivered two to three hammer style punches to the suspect's left rib cage, with his right hand. This had a positive effect and Suspect Welch loosened his grip on the wall.

Deputy [redacted] commanded Suspect Welch to stop but he did not comply. Deputy [redacted] then grabbed Suspect Welch's left arm, and with the help of deputy personnel,

brought Suspect Welch down from the wall and to the ground. There, Suspect Welch immediately began to resist. Deputy [redacted] attempted to maintain control of his left arm, but Suspect Welch was attempting to stand and violently threw elbows. He was doing whatever it took to get away. Fearing deputies were being assaulted, Deputy [redacted] delivered two punches with his right hand on the left side of Suspect Welch's face in the area of the cheek. The first punch glanced off his face and did not have much of an effect. The second one connected and was effective. Suspect Welch covered up, momentarily, but continued to fight. It was not until another unknown deputy hit him in the face that Suspect Welch stopped resisting. Deputy [redacted] with the help of Deputy [redacted] was able to handcuff Suspect Welch's hands behind his back. Deputy [redacted] said he was not carrying a Taser on his duty belt but he did have O.C. Spray. Nevertheless, using personal weapons was his best option, in his estimation, because of the close proximity of the other deputies.

DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]

On June 28, 2017, at approximately 1534 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Carmen Arballo at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] was accompanied by Representative Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorneys at Law. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy [redacted] said he helped Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] clear a driveway in search of Suspect Welch. They located him under a truck and Deputy [redacted] gave him verbal commands to come out. The suspect complied and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] scaled the fence to detain him. A moment later, the suspect took off. Deputy personnel were able to stop him as he was making his way over the north cinderblock wall. Deputy [redacted] by this time, had jumped over the east wall, and joined the other two deputies in their attempt to detain the suspect.

Deputy [redacted] grabbed the suspect's shirt in an attempt to pull him down. Along with the other deputies, they were able to guide the suspect to the ground by controlling his descent. "We didn't throw him; we all had control of him from the wall down to the ground, said Deputy [redacted]" Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview, page 13. Once on the ground, Suspect Welch began flailing his legs and swinging his elbows at deputy personnel. Deputy [redacted] said Suspect Welch may have struck him during the altercation, but did not specifically recall. Deputy personnel were then able to handcuff the suspect, and during that process, Deputy [redacted] used his hands to apply pressure to the suspect's back in an effort to keep him down. Deputy [redacted] said he did not see assisting deputies use force.

DEPUTY [redacted]#[redacted]

On June 2, 2017, at approximately 1402 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Jaime Alvarez at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] was accompanied by Representative Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorneys at Law. Sergeant Ortega conducted a second interview with Deputy [redacted] and his attorney on August 23, 2017, at 1421 hours at IAB. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy [redacted] heard the emergency radio traffic indicating a possible stolen vehicle suspect had just run from Deputy Fujiwara. Deputy [redacted] responded to take up a containment spot on Beach Street east of Bellflower Boulevard. While checking the area, Deputy [redacted] heard deputies giving commands for somebody to put their hands up. Deputy [redacted] responded to those voices and saw Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] holding Suspect Welch at gunpoint in the parking lot, of [redacted] Beach Street. Suspect Welch was under a truck and initially followed instructions, but after a moment he started to sidestep away.

Deputy [redacted] sensed Suspect Welch would try to get away, and at that point Deputy [redacted] moved a little closer. Just as Suspect Welch attempted to jump over the wall, Deputy [redacted] grabbed his torso with his left arm to prevent him from escaping. Suspect Welch began fighting and kicking. As other deputies arrived, Deputy [redacted] conducted a control hold on Suspect Welch's lower left leg/ foot. Suspect Welch was eventually "pulled down" from the wall and deputies placed him on the ground, where they handcuffed him. Deputy [redacted] saw deputies use a variety of control holds during the incident but did not see the use of personal weapons. He verbally reported his force to Sergeant Morrow upon his arrival to the scene.

DEPUTY [redacted]#[redacted]

On June 29, 2017, at approximately 1526 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Carmen Arballo at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] was accompanied by Representative Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorneys at Law. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy [redacted] said he was responding to an assistance request and drove to the intersection of Bellflower Boulevard and Park Street. He along with Deputy [redacted] cleared a property located at [redacted]. During the search, as they reached the rear of the location, they looked over a fence. On the other side, was a parking lot and in the parking lot, under a parked vehicle, was the suspect. The two deputies began giving him commands to surrender. The suspect initially complied and the two deputies

scaled the fence. On the other side, as the deputies approached and gave commands, the suspect suddenly took off and attempted to jump a cinderblock wall to his north. Deputy personnel, however, intercepted him as he was going over the wall.

The suspect was kicking, thrashing and throwing elbows. Deputy [redacted] placed his hands on Suspect Welch's upper back and Deputy [redacted] used his strength, along with the other deputies, to pull him off the wall. Together, the deputies were able to remove Suspect Welch from the wall and guide him down onto his stomach. Deputy [redacted] used his hands, a knee, and body weight to help maintain control of Suspect Welch, who was flailing and resisting. Deputy [redacted] then assisted in handcuffing Suspect Welch, who was resisting during the process. During the altercation, Deputy [redacted] did not see the other deputies throw punches nor use force. As Deputy [redacted] stated, "It was in such a close proximity, I didn't see exactly who was doing what." Refer to Deputy [redacted] transcribed interview, page10. Deputy [redacted] sustained an abrasion to his right thumb and right ring finger.

DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]

On June 2, 2017, at approximately 1447 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Jaime Alvarez at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy [redacted] was accompanied by Amy Johnson from Green and Shinee, Attorney's at Law. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions-Involved Employees**, section of the casebook.

Deputy [redacted] responded to [redacted] Beach Street in response to the emergency radio traffic. Upon his arrival he saw Suspect Welch sitting in the back of a radio car. Next, he saw Suspect Welch lie on his back and kick the rear driver's side door, causing the window pane to fall off its track. Deputy [redacted] opened the rear passenger door (opposite the suspect's feet) and ordered him to stop. Sergeant Meza then directed him to deploy his O.C. canister and spray the suspect. Deputy [redacted] complied and sprayed the suspect with a two second burst to the face. The effort had a positive effect, as Suspect Welch stopped kicking. Deputy [redacted] closed the door. Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and provided medical care to Suspect Welch.

<u>SUSPECT STATEMENTS:</u>

ZETTY JEROME WELCH:

On March 21, 2017, at approximately 0120 hours, IAB investigators, Sergeant Mark Lopez and Jeff Hamil interviewed Suspect Zetty Jerome Welch at Lakewood Station. Below is a summary of the interview. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files and/or the verbatim transcripts located under the **Transcriptions-Suspects** section of this case book.

Suspect Welch related he was at the location cleaning his wife's car when a deputy sheriff pulled up and started inquiring about a stolen vehicle. The deputy asked if he could pat him down and search him. Suspect Welch agreed to the search. The deputy proceeded to pat him down and Suspect Welch was beginning to feel phobic about the law enforcement interaction. He was worried about going to jail. An internal voice then told him to run and he took off from the deputy, although he had no real reason to do so. Suspect Welch ran toward Bellflower Boulevard, and made his way over to a parking lot, where he hid under a large truck.

Deputies later spotted him hunkered down by the vehicle. As one deputy approached, Suspect Welch got up from his position and scaled a wall. He was almost over when a deputy grabbed and held him. Other deputies arrived and prevented him from going over. He felt one deputy punch him in the ribs. The other deputies were able to pull him off the wall, and slam him down to the ground. The deputies then hit him in the face approximately five times. He recalled being hit once on the chin which stunned him. Another deputy delivered a second blow to his face that caused him to go down. The deputies pinned his limbs down and moved his arms. The deputies moved his (right) arm and it felt like it would break, so Suspect Welch moved his body accordingly to prevent that. His countermove prompted the deputies to use more force. He was eventually taken to the patrol car where he kicked the passenger window while seated in the vehicle. Two deputies responded by opening the two rear passenger doors and spraying him with long bursts of pepper spray. The deputies then tied his legs with a strap, but that was conducted with his cooperation. Suspect Welch said he broke his jaw and his left foot during the altercation with the deputies.

Suspect Welch said he used marijuana daily, otherwise, he did not use illicit drugs. He took seizure medication daily and did not drink alcoholic beverages. He said he was not actively in the care of a doctor for mental illness, but was in the process of getting checked for insomnia and paranoia. Suspect Welch said he was released from prison in December of 2016.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES STATEMENTS:

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the below personnel. The following is a summary of their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see attached verbatim interview transcripts.

SERGEANT JORGE MEZA #[redacted]

On June 14, 2017, at approximately 1037 hours, Sergeant Jorge Meza was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Carmen Arballo at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Sergeant Meza was accompanied by Representative Theresa O'Neil from the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files,

and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcriptions Witness Interviews**, section of the casebook.

Sergeant Meza, assigned to unit 131S, responded to the emergency radio traffic and drove to the city of Bellflower. He arrived to the vicinity of Park Street and Bellflower Boulevard, and made his way over to scene. Upon his arrival, he saw deputies in a large parking lot escorting Suspect Welch to a radio car. They ushered him into the backseat. Suspect Welch proceeded to lie down on his back and kick the left passenger door with his feet. The window frame gave way and buckled outward.

Deputy [redacted] who was positioned on the passenger side of the vehicle, was directed by Sergeant Meza to deploy his O.C. canister, and spray Suspect Welch. Deputy [redacted] adhered to his command, opened the rear door and sprayed Suspect Welch. The O.C. agent had a positive effect, as the suspect stopped kicking. Suspect Welch, however, continued to curse at deputy personnel.

Sergeant Meza then coordinated an effort to hobble Suspect Welch's legs. Those efforts were successful and the suspect's legs were hobbled without incident. For further details, see the transcribed interview of Sergeant Meza.

SEARGEANT TRAVIS MORROW #[redacted]

On June 2, 2017, at approximately 1425 hours, Sergeant Morrow was interviewed by IAB investigators Sergeant Henry Ortega and [redacted] at Lakewood Station. Sergeant Morrow elected to have no representation during the interview. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcribed Witness Interviews**, section of the casebook.

Sergeant Travis Morrow said he responded to the location in response to emergent radio traffic broadcasted by Deputy Fujiwara. He parked his Tahoe on Park Street and made his way over to [redacted] Beach Street, on foot. Once he arrived, the suspect was already being detained. Sergeant Morrow heard Suspect Welch kick the rear window of the patrol car he was being detained in. Sergeant Morrow then heard his colleague, Sergeant Meza, order Deputy [redacted] to spray the suspect. Deputy [redacted] adhered to the direct order, opened the back door of the patrol car and sprayed the suspect. The agent had an immediate effect, as the suspect began screaming. Fire Department personnel arrived and assessed the suspect, who was then transported to the hospital via ambulance. The involved deputies reported their use of force to him, which was consistent with their reports.

DEPUTY KEVIN FUJIWARA #[redacted]

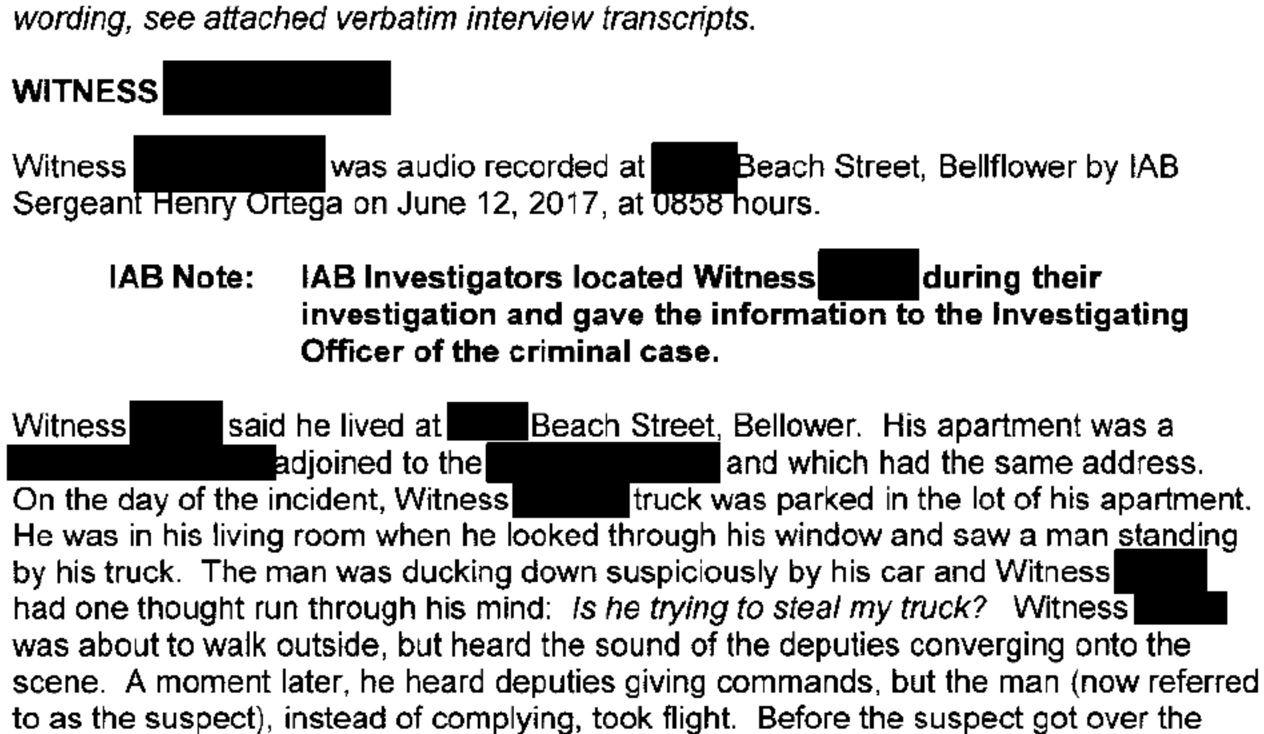
On June 29, 2017, at approximately 1512 hours, Deputy Fujiwara was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Henry Ortega and Carmen Arballo at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Deputy

Fujiwara was accompanied by Attorney Amy Johnson from the law offices of Green and Shinee. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview located in IAB's audio files, and/or the verbatim transcripts presented under the **Transcribed Witness Interviews**, section of the casebook.

Deputy Fujiwara was patrolling when he saw Suspect Welch in a parked vehicle at 9770 Beach Street. Refer to topographical image of the location **[Exhibit G]**. The vehicle had no front, nor rear license plate, in violation of 5200(a) CVC. Deputy Fujiwara exited his vehicle to warn or cite the driver of the violation. Deputy Fujiwara made his approach and noticed that the driver stepped out abruptly in what appeared to be an attempt to disassociate himself from the vehicle. Deputy Fujiwara made contact and asked for identification. Deputy Fujiwara detained the suspect and patted him down. He walked him to the back of his patrol car with the intention of investigating further. Deputy Fujiwara had a grip on Suspect Welch's hands behind his back, but when they neared the backseat of the patrol car, the suspect broke away. Suspect Welch ran eastbound on Beach Street to northbound on Bellflower Boulevard toward Park Street. Deputy Fujiwara initiated emergency radio traffic informing deputies of the circumstances. He said he never was engaged in a foot pursuit. The event culminated in the capture of Suspect Welch and Deputy Fujiwara positively identified Suspect Welch at [redacted] Beach Street, Bellflower.

<u>**NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES STATEMENTS:**</u>

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the below personnel and witnesses. The following is a summary of their interviews. For more information and precise wording, see attached verbatim interview transcripts.



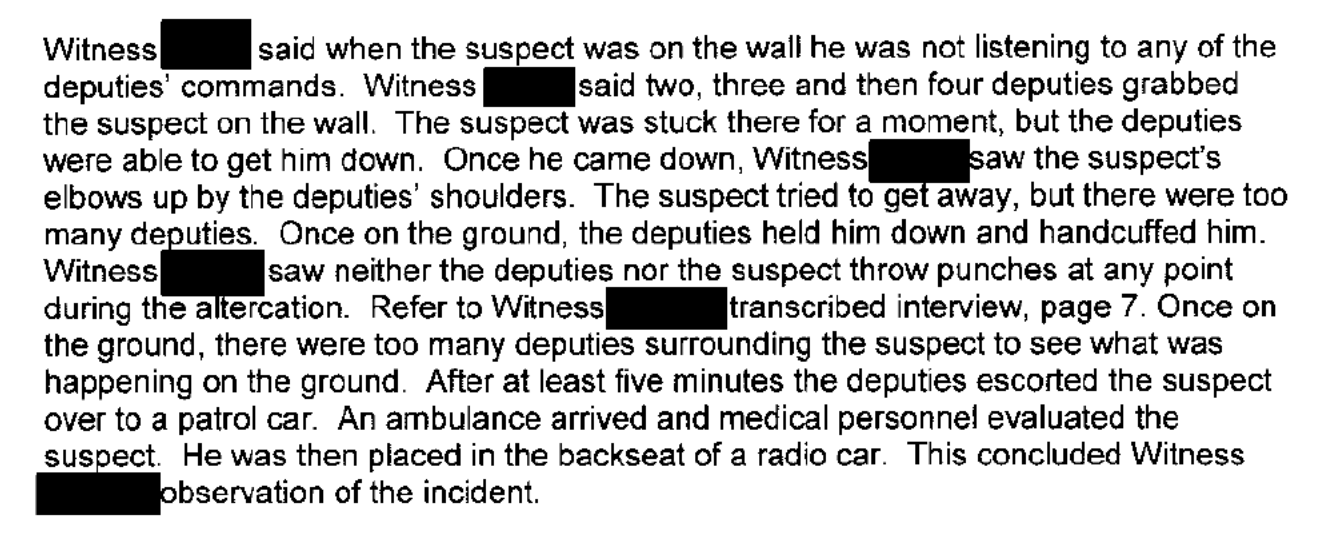
WITNESS [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was audio recorded at [redacted] Beach Street, Bellflower by IAB Sergeant Henry Ortega on June 12, 2017, at 0858 hours.

> **IAB Note: IAB Investigators located Witness [redacted] during their investigation and gave the information to the Investigating Officer of the criminal case.**

Witness [redacted] said he lived at [redacted] Beach Street, Bellower. His apartment was a [redacted] adjoined to the [redacted] and which had the same address. On the day of the incident, Witness [redacted] truck was parked in the lot of his apartment. He was in his living room when he looked through his window and saw a man standing by his truck. The man was ducking down suspiciously by his car and Witness [redacted] had one thought run through his mind: *Is he trying to steal my truck?* Witness [redacted] was about to walk outside, but heard the sound of the deputies converging onto the scene. A moment later, he heard deputies giving commands, but the man (now referred to as the suspect), instead of complying, took flight. Before the suspect got over the

wall, two deputies were able to grab him. He was halfway over, when another two deputies joined. The deputies got the suspect down, but he was fidgeting, flailing, and wrestling with the deputies. Once they got him to the ground, the situation seemed to be under control.



Witness [redacted] said when the suspect was on the wall he was not listening to any of the deputies' commands. Witness [redacted] said two, three and then four deputies grabbed the suspect on the wall. The suspect was stuck there for a moment, but the deputies were able to get him down. Once he came down, Witness [redacted] saw the suspect's elbows up by the deputies' shoulders. The suspect tried to get away, but there were too many deputies. Once on the ground, the deputies held him down and handcuffed him. Witness [redacted] saw neither the deputies nor the suspect throw punches at any point during the altercation. Refer to Witness [redacted] transcribed interview, page 7. Once on the ground, there were too many deputies surrounding the suspect to see what was happening on the ground. After at least five minutes the deputies escorted the suspect over to a patrol car. An ambulance arrived and medical personnel evaluated the suspect. He was then placed in the backseat of a radio car. This concluded Witness [redacted] observation of the incident.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the IAB interview with Deputy Fujiwara, he indicated Suspect Welch ran on the premises of the Chevron Gas Station, located at 17106 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower. On July 21, 2017, Sergeant Ortega evaluated the camera system and contacted the [redacted] Ms. [redacted] said she had no video footage from March 20, 2017, because their recording system purges after 15 days.

During the IAB interviews with the involved personnel, investigators learned that a citizen, who may reside at an apartment building located at 9820 Park Street, Bellflower, possibly saw Suspect Welch running down the driveway seconds after fleeing from Deputy Fujiwara. In an attempt to identify this person, IAB investigators conducted door knocks on July 21, 2017. There was no response from neither Apartments A, B nor C. Thus, certified witness letters were sent accordingly, asking for cooperation in this investigation. There was no reply to the letters. A copy of those certified letters are filed in the **miscellaneous documents** section of this casebook.